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SUBJECT: "FIRST" OCAM MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. SUMMARY - FONMINS OR REPS TEN OCAM MEMBERS (BENIN, NIGER, GABON, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, RWANDA, MAURITIUS, TOGO, UPPER VOLTA AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC) PLUS OBSERVER BURUNDI MET KIGALI DEC 12-16. MAJOR THRUST ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLIC PLENARY STATEMENTS (AND CLOSED SESSION AS WELL)

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WAS EMPHASIS THAT OCAM HAD SUCCESSFULLY WEATHERED PAST CRISIS
AND NOW RE-ESTABLISHED ON NON-POLITICAL PWRARM#BREAK WITH
PAST SYMBOLIZED BY LABELING MINISTERIAL MEETING AS "FIRST"
OF "NEW" OCAM.

2. ACTIONS - ACCORDING COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER REPORTS,
DELEGATES STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED POLITICAL ISSUES AND FOCUSED
ON SOME THIRTY ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, TRANSPORTATION
AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. EXAMPLES INCLUDED APPROVAL
75/76 BUDGET, PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE OCAM CHARTER REVISION BUT
DEFERRAL TO 1976 KIGALI SUMMIT OF COMPLEX ISSUE INVOLVING
NON-MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN OTHER OCAM INSTITUTIONS
SUCH AS TRAINING CENTERS, SET 1976 OPERATIONAL TARGER DATES FOR
GEOGRAPHICALLY SHIFTED INSTITUTIONS (INCLUDING STATISTICAL
INSTITUTE IN KIGALI), CALLED ON SENEGAL PROVIDE MORE INFO (FOR
ATTENTION KIGALI SUMMIT) ON SECOND NEGRO-AFRICAN ARTS FESTIVAL
AND RELATION UNESCO STUDY ON "AFRICANISM", APPROVED CREATION
COOPERATIVE GUARANTEE FUND (NO SUM INDICATED), DIRECTED
SUPPLEMENTARY STUDY ON REGIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION, RECOMMENDED
ACP/LOME CONVENTION BE TAPPED FOR OCAM PROJECT FUNDS, AND
FORMED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL MARITIME TRANSPORT
COMPANY.

3. MEMBERSHIP - BURUNDI ONLY BILATERAL OBSERVER ALTHOUGH
INVITATIONS ANNOUNCED ON RADIO RWANDA AS HAVING BEEN
SENT ALSO TO SAO TOME ET PRINCIPE, TCHAD AND SEYCHELLES.
RWANDAN FONMIN HEDGED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS BY NOTING IN
OPENING SPEECH OCAM "NEED NOT BE PURELY FRANCO-PHONE BUT
OPEN TO ANY AFRICAN STATE" AND IN CLOSING SPEECH TO VIEW
THAT "QUALITY AND DEPTH OCAM OBJECTIVES" MORE IMPORTANT
THAN "NUMBER OF MEMBERS". BURUNDI REP (MIN JUSTICE)
EMPHASIZED HE ATTENDING ONLY TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT OCAM STATUS
AND HIS PRESENCE IN NO WAY IMPLIED POSSIBLE
BURUNDI MEMBERSHIP. (GENERAL ASSUPTION IS THAT BURUNDI
ATTENDED AS PERSONAL GESTURE TO RWANDAN PRES HABYARIMANA
AND WILL NOT PURSUE FORMAL MEMBERSHIP.) GOR OFFICIALS
BELIEVE SEYCHELLES, TCHAD AND COMOROS ARE POTENTIAL MEMBERS BUT
WILL WISH ASSESS "NEW" OCAM PROGRESS BEFORE JOINING.

4. RWANDAN PERSPECTIVE - GOR APPEARS WELL-PLEASED WITH
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MEETING AND OCAM MOMENTUM WHICH REPRESENT MODERATE SUCCESS
FOR WHAT SECOND REPUBLIC REGARDS AS ITS MAJOR UNDERTAKING
IN AFRICAN PRESTIGE AND LEADERSHIP. GOR WENT
ALL OUT TO COMMANDEER LODGING, TRANSPORTATION AND
ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES. CONFERENCE HELD IN LOCAL
SCHOOL WHOSE FACULTY SHIFTED SCHEDULE TO ASSURECJCATION #
THIS PERIOD. FONOFF STOPPED FOR A WEEK AS EVEN SENIOR
OFFICIALS PUT TO SERVING AS USHERS AND ADMINSTRATIVE

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BACK-UP. SOME DELEGATES REPORTEDLY GRUMBLED OVER LIMITED KIGALI FACILITIES SUCH AS SHARING ROOMS AND LACK DIVERSIONS. MEETING ALSO PROVIDED GOR WITH NEEDED EXPERIENCE FOR HANDLING OCAM SUMMIT IN SECOND HALF 1976. WHILE ENCOURAGED, GOR REMAINS WORRIED AS EFFORT LIMIT EACH CHIEF OF STATE DEL TO FIVE PERSONS HAS PROVEN UNTENABLE. FRITTS

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